

# Mississippi Public Service Commission



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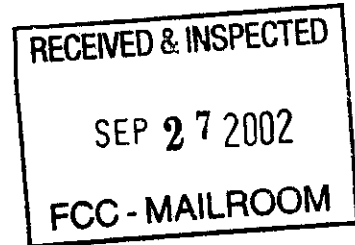
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September 20, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445-12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554



Re: **CC Docket No. 96-45, No. 99-306; October 1st Certification Requirement for Non-Rural Carriers**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("MPSC") files its required annual certification for the year 2003 for **Cellular South Licenses, Inc. ("CSL") - Carriers Study Area Code # - 289001**.

In accordance with the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") requirements in *Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service, Ninth Report and Order, Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC. 99-306*, the Mississippi Public Service Commission hereby certifies that CSL's proposed use of federal universal service high-cost support for the year 2003 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Attached is a copy of the Commission's order in its Docket No. 01-UA-0451.

Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope and an additional copy of this letter for you to use in forwarding a stamped filed copy of this correspondence. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

In accordance with the FCC's mandate, this certification letter is also being sent to Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company.

Sincerely,

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Michael Callahan, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bo Robinson".

Bo Robinson, Vice-Chairman

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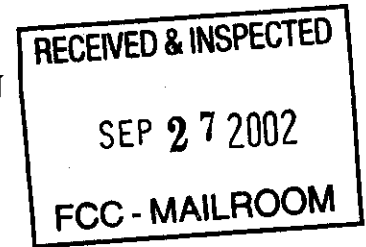
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Enclosure

cc: Irene Flannery  
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**BEFORE THE  
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**APPLICATION OF  
CELLULAR SOUTH LICENSES, INC.  
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER  
UNDER 47 U.S.C. 214(E)(2)**

**DOCKET NO. 01-UA-0451**

**ORDER**

COMES NOW, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") and it appearing to the Commission, for good cause shown and after reviewing the plan of Cellular South Licenses, Inc. for utilization of the year 2003 Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") heretofore submitted to this Commission by Cellular South Licenses, Inc. ("CSL"), and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised finds as follows:

**I.**

On June 19, 2001, CSL filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under Section 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2). On November 30, 2001, Victor H. (Hu) Meena filed direct testimony on behalf of Cellular South Licenses, Inc. in support of CSL's designation as an ETC. As a part of the testimony, Mr. Meena also filed with this Commission details of its plan for utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding it would receive in the year 2002 and thereafter. On December 27, 2001, this Commission issued its order certifying that CSL's proposed use of federal universal service funds for the year 2002 in Mississippi was consistent with the principles of Universal Service as outlined in the

Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by the FCC in its Universal Service Order.<sup>1</sup>

II.

On August 20, 2002, CSL submitted its detailed plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2003 for approval by the Commission. The plan submitted on August 20, 2002 proposed a continuation of its four phase plan to improve and upgrade its wireless telecommunications facilities in high cost areas in Mississippi.

III.

The Commission, after consultation with the Public Utilities Staff, concludes that CSL's August 20, 2002 continuation plan for utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2003 is consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Commission hereby certify that CSL's plan to utilize Federal Universal Service High Cost Support Funds in Mississippi as contained in its continuation plan submitted to the Commission on August 20, 2002, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

This Order is effective as of its date of execution.

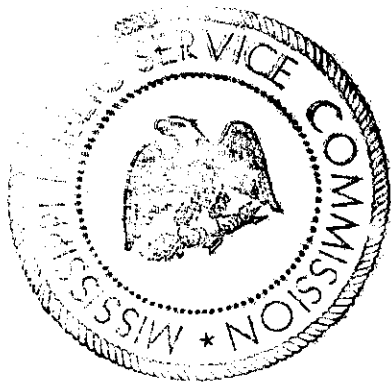
Chairman Michael Callahan voted Ag; Vice Chairman Bo Robinson voted Ag; and Commissioner Nielsen Cochran voted Ag.

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<sup>1</sup>Federal - State Joint Board on Universal Service Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 99-306, Released November 2, 1999 ("Universal Service Order"). See generally, paragraphs 93-110.

SO ORDERED, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



BY: *Michael Callahan*  
MICHAEL CALLAHAN, CHAIRMAN

BY: *Bo Robinson*  
BO ROBINSON, VICE CHAIRMAN

BY: *Nielsen Cochran*  
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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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